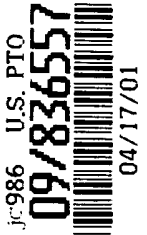


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant discloses the following information:

German Gebrauchsmuster 299 07 857, published September 16, 1999.

The above document relates to the special cutting of a protective hood for automobiles. In the document, it is mentioned that protective hoods made of laminated textiles are known, without specifying the chemical nature of the laminate.

A copy of the foregoing document is provided with this paper. In addition, this document is listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

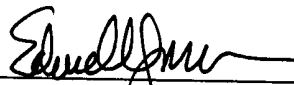
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